

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

44 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 75-95

• TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT:

REFERENCE: MEDI-CAL LETTER 39-72

The purpose of this letter is to emphasize the importance of reporting all health insurance and other health care related legal entitlements held by applicants for or beneficiaries of the Medi-Cal program.

The information you send the Department of Health is utilized by this Department's Health Recovery Bureau to collect monies from health insurance carriers and other liable parties. It is essential that the coding of this information at the county level be accurate and complete.

The reporting of health insurance and other legal entitlements information is to be included on the applicant's Statement of Facts at the time eligibility is initially determined or updated. The applicant must be instructed to notify his case worker whenever changes in his health care entitlement status occur.

Frequently, an applicant is unaware of his other health care entitlements. The eligibility worker should attempt to identify potential other health care entitlements by asking questions such as:

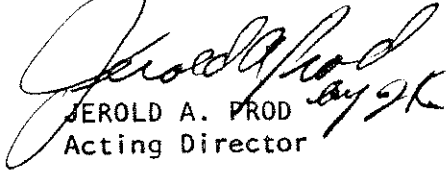
- is the applicant (or applicant's spouse) entitled to health care benefits through a present or past employer or employee group, e.g., Retail Clerks, Teamsters, Longshoreman, etc?
- Is the absent father a union member?
- Is the child under a court child support order which includes medical benefits?
- has there been a worker compensation settlement or is a suit being filed?

- are there life care trust monies available for health care?

It is essential that all health care entitlements be reported since failure to disclose this information results in the loss of taxpayer money.

Should there be any questions, please contact D. Jerome Hansen, Chief, Health Recovery Bureau (916)445-0416.

Sincerely,


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